

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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May 17, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL BADGE PROGRAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is seeking Board of Supervisors (Board) approval to participate in the District's commemorative centennial badge program (Program). With the approval of the Board, through the Executive Office of the Board, the District will identify sworn and other uniformed personnel designated by the Fire Chief to participate in this optional and voluntary Program, at their own expense, and allow participating personnel to wear the commemorative centennial badge for calendar year 2023.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

- 1. Delegate authority to the Internal Services Department (ISD), through the Executive Office of the Board, to amend the agreement and issue a temporary license to Entenmann-Rovin, the County's authorized badge vendor, to be the retail distributor of the commemorative centennial badge using the District's name and insignias (Attachment A).
- 2. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to allow authorized sworn and other designated uniformed personnel to participate in the optional and voluntary Program and wear the specially designed commemorative centennial badge for calendar year 2023.
- 3. Authorize the retention of the commemorative badges at the end of calendar year 2023 as keepsakes so long as they are encased in a block of Lucite, or similar materials, to render the

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badges unusable for active service.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

To commemorate the centennial celebration of the District with the community on this most historical occasion, and pay tribute to the many generations of District team members who have proudly served with honor and bravery, ISD, through the Executive Office of the Board, will amend the agreement and issue a temporary license to Entenmann-Rovin for commemorative centennial badges.

Participation in the Program is optional and purely voluntary for authorized District personnel. Authorized personnel shall be deemed as active District sworn or other uniformed personnel designated by the Fire Chief. The commemorative centennial badges shall be purchased by authorized and participating personnel as described herein. Authorized District personnel who wish to participate will be able to purchase the commemorative badge through the District, at their own expense, to wear only for the 2023 calendar year. At the time of the commemorative centennial badge purchase, participating District personnel shall also purchase the Lucite encasement in coordination with the District, to encase the commemorative centennial badge at the end of calendar year 2023. The purchase of the commemorative centennial badge and Lucite encasement will be requisitioned through the County's Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

The process would mirror that which is currently in place for existing District issued badges and honorably retired personnel. Authorized District personnel will surrender their current badge to the District's Human Resources Division Badge Control Unit (BCU) and will wear the commemorative badge for calendar year 2023. At the conclusion of calendar year 2023, District personnel shall surrender the commemorative centennial badge to the BCU to proceed with the commemorative badge's encasement in a block of Lucite to render the badge unusable for active service. At that time, the prior badge shall be reissued.

# <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, by supporting a network of public-private partnering entities supporting vibrant communities. Our investments in the lives of County residents are sustainable only when grounded in strong communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

District personnel who choose to voluntarily participate in the Program would be required to purchase the commemorative centennial badge and Lucite encasement at their own expense.

There is no impact to net County cost.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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Pursuant to the County of Los Angeles Code of Ordinance, Sections 5.64.130, 5.64.280 and 5.64.310, the Board may allow the issuance of badges by order of the Executive Officer of the Board, allow a vendor to manufacture an official badge, and allow authorized personnel to wear County badges, including sworn and other designated uniformed personnel from the District.

Additionally, under the County of Los Angeles Code of Ordinance, Section 5.64.095, the Executive Office of the Board may authorize the retention of old badges as keepsakes so long as it is encased in a block of Lucite, or similar material, to render the badges unusable for active service.

Further, a precedent exists for similar commemorative badges, specifically County of Los Angeles Code of Ordinance, Sections 5.64.135, for the Sheriff's Department 150th year commemorative badge in 2000 and the more recent Super Bowl LVI commemorative badge in 2021.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through the County's Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The District's Program has no impact on current services. The District badge is recognized worldwide as a symbol of respect and honor. A recommendation for its replacement, however brief, is not proposed without recognizing this fact.

The prestige of the District's badge is born of the professional growth, history, and legacy of its accomplishments, lessons learned, and improvements made by its membership. A campaign of this nature will enable the District and its personnel to celebrate this historical centennial celebration of dedicated service to the residents and communities in our care.

#### CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to return a copy of the adopted Board Letter to:

Executive Office – Executive Support Division
Attention: Heidi Oliva, Executive Support Division Chief
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Heidi.Oliva@fire.lacounty.gov

The District's contact may be reached at (323) 881-6180.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Enclosures** 

Chief Executive Officer
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 County Counsel
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